



LUDLOW

Hampden County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Ludlow is a progressive suburban community located in the northwest corner of the metropolitan area of Springfield. It borders on the cities of Springfield and Chicopee and the towns of Granby and Belchertown, with Westover Industrial Airpark to the northwest. Town residents feel that Ludlow has established itself as a target for industrial and retail growth while maintaining its pleasant community atmosphere. Ludlow provides its residents with a community hospital, rehabilitation center and a town health department. Housing is available for the elderly, the handicapped and low income families. Ludlow provides two congregate living units accommodating a total of seven individuals, and has the largest senior center in western Massachusetts. Ludlow's school system runs from K-12 and the town has a Boys' and Girls' Club which provides the Latch Key program for children as well as a summer youth camp and other recreational activities. The town also maintains six parks, two excellent golf courses and is only minutes away from cultural and entertainment facilities in the greater Springfield area with access to both the Massachusetts Turnpike and Route 91.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

West central Massachusetts, bordered by Chicopee on the west, Granby on the north, Belchertown on the north and east, and Wilbraham and Springfield on the south. Ludlow is 7 miles north of Springfield, 47 miles west of Worcester, 84 miles west of Boston, and 141 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 28.23 sq. miles

Land Area: 27.15 sq. miles

Population: 18,820

Density: 693 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Springfield Station)

Normal temperature in January.....26.8°F

Normal temperature in July.....74.1°F

Normal annual precipitation.....43.9"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Ludlow, Springfield North

Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Springfield



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 589-7511

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Representative Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1774

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	8,608		
Democrats	4,722	54.9	%
Republicans	943	11.0	%
Other parties	4	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	2,939	34.1	%

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Ludlow town, Hampden County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	21,209	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	21,209	100.0
Male.....	10,904	51.4	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	1,372	6.5
Female.....	10,305	48.6	Mexican.....	18	0.1
Under 5 years.....	1,040	4.9	Puerto Rican.....	1,182	5.6
5 to 9 years.....	1,191	5.6	Cuban.....	15	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,402	6.6	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	157	0.7
15 to 19 years.....	1,402	6.6	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	19,837	93.5
20 to 24 years.....	1,348	6.4	White alone.....	19,028	89.7
25 to 34 years.....	2,916	13.7	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	3,722	17.5	Total population.....	21,209	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,962	14.0	In households.....	19,504	92.0
55 to 59 years.....	1,128	5.3	Householder.....	7,659	36.1
60 to 64 years.....	931	4.4	Spouse.....	4,411	20.8
65 to 74 years.....	1,625	7.7	Child.....	6,019	28.4
75 to 84 years.....	1,264	6.0	Own child under 18 years.....	4,086	19.3
85 years and over.....	278	1.3	Other relatives.....	784	3.7
Median age (years).....	38.5	(X)	Under 18 years.....	251	1.2
18 years and over.....	16,781	79.1	Nonrelatives.....	631	3.0
Male.....	8,637	40.7	Unmarried partner.....	335	1.6
Female.....	8,144	38.4	In group quarters.....	1,705	8.0
21 years and over.....	15,879	74.9	Institutionalized population.....	1,705	8.0
62 years and over.....	3,721	17.5	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	3,167	14.9	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	1,273	6.0	Total households.....	7,659	100.0
Female.....	1,894	8.9	Family households (families).....	5,513	72.0
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	2,330	30.4
One race.....	20,959	98.8	Married-couple family.....	4,411	57.6
White.....	20,315	95.8	With own children under 18 years.....	1,797	23.5
Black or African American.....	432	2.0	Female householder, no husband present.....	793	10.4
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	20	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	386	5.0
Asian.....	125	0.6	Nonfamily households.....	2,146	28.0
Asian Indian.....	20	0.1	Householder living alone.....	1,852	24.2
Chinese.....	26	0.1	Householder 65 years and over.....	912	11.9
Filipino.....	34	0.2	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,511	32.8
Japanese.....	6	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	2,320	30.3
Korean.....	16	0.1	Average household size.....	2.55	(X)
Vietnamese.....	17	0.1	Average family size.....	3.03	(X)
Other Asian ¹	6	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	2	-	Total housing units.....	7,841	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	1	-	Occupied housing units.....	7,659	97.7
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	182	2.3
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	1	-	occasional use.....	26	0.3
Some other race.....	65	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	250	1.2	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	1.9	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	7,659	100.0
White.....	20,558	96.9	Owner-occupied housing units.....	5,935	77.5
Black or African American.....	464	2.2	Renter-occupied housing units.....	1,724	22.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	58	0.3	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.67	(X)
Asian.....	145	0.7	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.11	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	7	-			
Some other race.....	231	1.1			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State:	166
Conventional Federal:	0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP:	0
Federal (Section 8):	0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Ludlow is located in the Pioneer Valley, known as the crossroads of New England because of its strategic position along the Connecticut River and its excellent transportation facilities. The Massachusetts Turnpike connects the region to Boston and to Albany, New York. Interstate 91 provides direct access to Hartford, Connecticut, and to Brattleboro and points north in Vermont.

Major Highways

The principal highway is Interstate 90, the Massachusetts Turnpike.

Rail

Passenger service is available on Amtrak in neighboring Springfield. Freight rail service is available from Conrail. Contact number: (617) 783-6222.

Bus

Ludlow is a member of the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA), which provides fixed route service to Springfield. The PVTA also offers paratransit services to the elderly and disabled through the Council on Aging.

Other

Westover Metropolitan Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located in neighboring Chicopee, has 2 asphalt and concrete runways 7,050' and 11,600' long. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

Ludlow Hospital Society
Rehab. Hospital/Western N.E.

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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